

Mono County Local Transportation Commission

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PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday, August 13, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Town / County Conference Room
Mammoth Lakes, CA**

* Agenda items may not be taken in order

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2007**
- 3. TRANSIT**
 - a. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) budget & allocation request
 - b. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) update
 - c. Transit Shelter Grant Award
 - d. Review ridership data for the Mountain Express; provide direction to staff
 - e. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) update
- 4. ADMINISTRATION**
 - a. Consider initiating process to establish alternate commission members (requested by Commissioner Farnetti)
- 5. CALTRANS**
 - a. Update on activities in Mono County
- 6. STATE / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**
 - a. Quarterly update on state projects in Mono County
 - b. Quarterly update on projects in Town of Mammoth Lakes
 - c. Quarterly update on projects in Mono County
- 7. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**
 - a. Consider request for special transit service for the Mammoth Locals Reunion
 - b. Mono Basin RPAC Resolution of Appreciation
- 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - a. California Regional Progress Report
 - b. Distribution of annual audit and performance audit
- 9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING - September 10, 2007**
- 10. ADJOURN**

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Monday, June 11, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
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ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Hap Hazard, Chair
Kirk Stapp, Vice Chair
Neil McCarroll, Councilman
Bill Reid, Supervisor
Wendy Sugimura, Councilman

Caltrans

Brad Mettam
Ryan Dermody

Staff Present

Scott Burns, Director
Gerry LeFrancois, Planner Mono County
Gwen Plummer, Planner Mono County
Allen Berrey, Deputy County Counsel
Kelly Garcia, Assistant Director P/W
Bill Manning, Director Transportation Town of ML
Peter Bernasconi, Sr. Engineer Town of ML
Lynetta Fuerst, Secretary

Others

Jill Ellis, Inyo Mono Transit / ESTA

Agenda items may not have been taken in order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hazard at 9:06 a.m. Commissioner Stapp led the pledge of allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Salcido from Mono County Public Health spoke to the Commission regarding a one day conference June 19, 2007, in Lee Vining learning how the built environment can positively impact the health of the communities' citizens. There

is proposed legislation which would mandate Public Health to be included in the planning process. Contact Lynda Salcido at 760-924-1830 for more information. Commissioner Hazard requested at future meetings the Commissioners be introduced to the public.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9: one case

Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 9:09 am and returned to the open meeting at 9:34 am. Mr. Berrey stated the Commission requested staff send a letter to Bartig, Basler & Ray outlining their concerns over BB&R's dealings with the Mono County Local Transportation Commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 14, 2007

Commissioner Reid motioned to approve the May minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

4. TRANSIT

- a. Unmet Transit Needs – Consider adopting Resolution 2007-06 making findings concerning local unmet transit needs for FY 2007- 2008

With the discontinued transportation service for Veterans in Inyo and Mono County to the Reno hospital, Commissioner Hazard felt we need to keep Veteran's transportation needs in the forefront. Ms. Ellis from Inyo Mono Transit noted the addition of CREST Monday service was a result of that need, giving Veterans a night to stay over and return the next day. The Veterans Administration also buys passes for the Veterans to use IMAAA for transportation. Commissioner Hazard would like to see greater dialog with the communities concerning unmet transit needs and bring back information to the communities. Commissioner Sugimura inquired about keeping requests on the unmet needs list, and Ms. Plummer explained requests do in fact stay on the list and are incorporated into the Regional Transportation Plan until such time as funding is available and the unmet need becomes reasonable to meet.

Commissioner Stapp moved to adopt Resolution 2007-06 and Commissioner McCarroll seconded the motion. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

- b. Consider appointing members to the Mono County Social Services Transportation Advisory Council FY 2007-2008

Commissioner Sugimura moved to re-appoint the three members, Jill Ellis, Laurie Gunby and Michelle Merchant to the Mono County Social Services Transportation Advisory Commission for a three year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reid. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura. For the two vacant appointments, Commissioner Reid requested what effort was being made to fill the vacancies. Ms. Plummer said she planned an agency mailing to encourage volunteers.

- c. Inyo Mono Transit / Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) update
Ms. Ellis reported the Benton to Bishop service was becoming very busy on the Friday trip and Inyo Mono Transit was encouraging riders to travel on the alternate day Tuesday. Regarding Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Monicka Watterson is the first employee to resign from Inyo County and sign on with ESTA. Office personnel will be employed with ESTA the week of June 18th and the drivers to follow on June 23rd. July 1, 2007 is the official start date. The ESTA board will be receiving the FY 2007-2008 budget at their next meeting on June 15, 2007. Commissioner McCarroll asked how the Town's 1% TOT transit tax affects the transit budget and Mr. Manning stated that it doesn't. He explained the LTC only has jurisdiction over the Local Transportation Funds and the Town has a separate contract with ESTA for Town services. The Lee Vining - June Lake to Mammoth Lakes service can be subsidized up to three years as a pilot program, but the midday run has seen a 21% increase. It would take 20 passengers a day for the service to pay for itself.
- d. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) update
YARTS will be meeting this Friday, June 15th, to confirm their contract with VIA. VIA will be the only provider for the Park, west and east side.

5. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Consider adopting Minute Order 2007-07 approving the FY 2007-2008 Overall Work Program (OWP) and authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Certifications and Assurances

For FY 2007-2008 the Overall work program will have \$ 216,000 (State budget approved) of Regional Planning Assistance funds available and \$ 300,000 of (California Transportation Commission approved) Program, Planning and Monitoring funds. RPA funds are reimbursed to the County on a quarterly report basis, while the PPM funds are paid directly to the County. Commissioner McCarroll moved to adopt Minute Order 2007-07 and it was seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 5/0. Those in favor were: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

- b. Consider / adopt Resolution 2007-08 apportioning *estimated* Local Transportation Funds for FY 2007-2008

A motion to adopt Resolution 2007-08 was made by Commissioner Stapp and seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

- c. Consider / adopt Resolution 2007-2009 allocating *estimated* Local Transportation Funds for FY 2007-2008

Commissioner Reid moved to adopt Resolution 2007-09 and was seconded by Commissioner Stapp. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp, and Sugimura.

6. CALTRANS

- a. Update regarding Coleville Post Office southbound turn lane – site visit
Mr. Mettam reported that on May 22, 2007, Commissioner Reid, Kelly Garcia (Mono County Public Works) and Mr. Mettam (Caltrans) conducted a site visit of the southbound turn lane of the Coleville Post Office. It appears that Caltrans can modify the turn lane and has an engineer working on the project.

b. Update on activities in Mono County

Mr. Mettam stated the GAS-X project for Lee Vining should have fall implementation, as Caltrans is presently acquiring materials. The Black Rock 4 lane should have October construction. The Independence / Manzanar 4 lane has been accelerated to 2008 construction. High Point curve was voted by the CTC and is going forward with \$ 1.3M towards PS&E. (Plans, Specifications & Estimates). Mr. Mettam wanted to thank everyone in Inyo and Mono County for the dedicated staff work that was done to make such an "effective campaign" for the Olancho Cartago project. \$ 25 M has been voted for right of way. Finally, Bridgeport will see wider shoulders from the north edge of Town to Dressler Curve. Commissioner Reid thanked Caltrans for the quick response on the radar signs in Lee Vining.

7. STATE / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

a. Update on 2006 STIP Augmentation

b. Authorize Chair's signature on " Letters of Appreciation " regarding Olancho Cartago & Highpoint project funding

Commissioner Hazard motioned to authorize 'Letters of Appreciation'. Commissioner Sugimura seconded the motion. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp, and Sugimura.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Letter from Department of Transportation regarding new requirements for STIP Projects requesting allocations from the California Transportation Commission

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – July 9, 2007

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 by Chair Hazard.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

FROM: Phil McGuire, Interim Executive Director

RE: **TDA Claim**

DATE: August 6, 2007

Overview

The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) was created in the Fall of 2006. Since its creation, the Authority has been working to put in place many of the procedures and protocols necessary to provide operations and separate from Inyo County. Effective July 1, 2007, the separation from the County was accomplished. Many additional details remain to be resolved.

Since 2000, Mono County has contracted with Inyo County for the provision of transit service through Inyo-Mono Transit. This agreement called for Mono County to submit a claim to the Mono County LTC. The agreement states: "the amount requested of the Mono County LTC by MONO shall be at least equal to the amount budgeted by OPERATOR [IMT] for its provision of such services in Mono County, of which amount OPERATOR shall annually and timely inform MONO." The new ESTA JPA agreement changes this process. The JPA agreement states: "The Governing Board of each member agency shall designate the Authority as its nonexclusive agent to prepare and submit claims for funds to the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (MCLTC) and/or Inyo County Local Transportation Commission (ICLTC) in accordance with the Transportation Development Act and its regulations, to receive such funds, and to provide and/or negotiate, prepare contracts, and contract for transportation services."

The preparation of the ESTA budget for FY08 highlighted the complexities involved in service and cost allocation among the participating jurisdictions. A final budget for the Authority was adopted on June 15, 2007. That budget included amounts to be requested from the LTC's for FY 08 services. The details of the allocation process are under review in the context of a Business Plan being prepared by ESTA. A meeting with the Staff Working Group on June 15, later reported to the ESTA Board, pointed out that a



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rigorous statistical allocation process must be prepared by ESTA for the FY 09 budget year. In the meantime, the Working Group and the Board were asked to accept the general estimates of funds used in the ESTA budget. Both bodies agreed.

Funding Request

ESTA is hereby requesting an allocation of funds consistent with the budget approved by the ESTA Board for FY 08. The amounts being requested per this budget process are as follows:

Fund Purpose	Amount Requested
Mono County Services	\$248,055
Town of Mammoth Lakes (former Inyo-Mono Transit service)	\$251,493
CTSA operation	\$35,525
<i>Total Funds Requested</i>	<i>\$535,073</i>

The JPA Agreement creating ESTA provided that services formerly operated by Inyo-Mono Transit would become part of the new Authority. In the budget process, care was taken to differentiate the services that were previously operated by IMT for the town from new services that the Town requested be operated under contract. This funding request addresses only those services that are in the former IMT category. ESTA has entered into a contract with the Town that contains its own provisions for billing and an established rate.

The above amounts are based upon the ESTA budget. This was adopted in June. There may be some minor adjustments to these numbers as a result of either LTC determinations or ESTA actions as the year progresses. If so, ESTA will come back to address any necessary revisions. The funds being claimed by ESTA for the provision of services in Mono County are sufficient to support those services for the year. The ESTA Board has been advised that a new accounting and data collection systems created by the Authority will allow for a much more precise and thorough approach to service and cost allocation for FY 09.



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The Town of Mammoth Lakes will presumably be submitting its own claim for TDA funds. The Town will be assuming responsibility for fuel and maintenance for buses operated by ESTA. In prior years, IMT claimed funds for these purposes.

Through the allocation request presented herein, ESTA will operate the following bus services to and for Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes for FY 2007-08:

There are some variations to last year's service levels included with this allocation request, and they are highlighted in the following narrative of services

MONO COUNTY ROUTES

Benton-to-Bishop - Service from Benton (including old Benton & Benton Reservation) to Bishop in the morning, with pick-up service all along the Hwy 6 corridor. Service continues within the greater Bishop area approx. four hours, then the bus travels North from Bishop to Benton, again serving the Hwy 6 corridor.

Days of Service: Tuesdays and Fridays. *Increased service is included in this request in the form of one additional day per week.*

Walker Area Dial-a-Ride - Door-to-door service is offered to the Antelope Valley, from Walker to Topaz Lodge (also providing service to Holbrook Junction medical facility as needed).

Service Level: Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Walker-to-Bishop - Monday a.m. service from Walker to Bishop, with pick-up service all along the Hwy 395 corridor. Return trip from Bishop to Walker in the afternoon. In prior years Inyo Mono Transit was able to share the cost of our primary driver with the Senior Program, thereby reducing payroll costs by half. This arrangement is no longer in place.

Bridgeport-to-Carson City - Twice weekly service (Wed. & Fri) from Bridgeport to Carson City, with pick-up service all along the Hwy 395 corridor. Service continues within the greater Carson City & Gardnerville area approx. five hours, then the bus travels South back to Bridgeport, again serving the 395 corridor. In the summer, the Wednesday route modifies its departure to 2:30 p.m. in order to better serve working families.

Mammoth Express - Monday thru Saturday, morning and evening round trips between Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, including all communities in between. The cost of this route has been split between Mono County and Town of Mammoth transit funds, but now Inyo County shares in the cost for a three way split.



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Special Transit - Individually scheduled trips specifically to serve youth or elderly. Trip purpose must be recreational or educational, and designed to serve Mono County residents.

Mountain Express - Current service level is three round trips Monday thru Friday and two round trips on weekends, between Mammoth Lakes and Lee Vining, including service into June Lake. This service was funded last FY as a pilot project and possible changes in service are to be discussed and determined at the LTC level. The cost is split between Mono County and the Town.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH ROUTES

Mammoth Area Dial-a-Ride - Local area door-to-door service throughout the greater Town area. Year-round Monday thru Friday service, and weekends in the Summer.

The Lift - Under ESTA's authority is the Midtown Lift for the period of June thru October. Service level is 7 days per week. Additional Lift service throughout the year is programmed and paid for under a separate contract between ESTA and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

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August 3, 2007

Ms. Gwen Plummer
Planner
Mono County
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Dear Ms. Plummer:

The Division of Mass Transportation (DMT), Rural Transit and Procurement (RTP) Branch, has completed the evaluation and scoring of 43 applications for funding under the Section 5311 State Discretionary Reserve. In accordance with the published application guidelines and evaluation criteria, the applications were evaluated and scored by three RTP Branch staff members including Helen Louie, Paul Ravera, and Ronaldo Hu. Of the 43 applications requesting approximately \$3.3 million in Federal funds, 22 applications were approved for full or partial funding totaling \$1,490,293.

The results of your application(s) for funding are detailed below. If your proposed project is not funded, the information will detail the reason for the grant denial. Because funding is based on a competitive application process, award is made only to applications that can demonstrate they have met all of the application requirements and have provided adequate information to assess the merits of the proposed project.


If your application was funded, the information will detail the award amount and any funding conditions associated with the grant. Grant awards with funding conditions must be satisfied by no later than Friday, September 28, 2007, and no contract will be issued until all funding conditions have been met. Information or documents to satisfy the funding conditions should be sent to: Helen Louie, California Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 942874, M.S. 39, Sacramento, CA 94274-0001. Grant funding may be withdrawn if the conditions are not satisfied by the due date. Upon satisfactory fulfillment to funding condition(s), a standard agreement will be issued using available Section 5311 program reserves. Issuance of standard agreements may be delayed in the event grant funds are not available or not yet approved by the Federal Transit Administration.

Ms. Gwen Plummer
August 3, 2007
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Project Description	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Conditions or Comments
(12) Bus Shelters	\$83,520	\$83,520	Funding is contingent on the following: 1) applicant's ability to meet all Section 5311 program requirements including 2007 Certs & Assurances, DBE Implementation Agreement, Title VI, and 2) satisfactory resolution of all issues identified in Mono County Bus Stop Master Plan within 60-days of grant announcement.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Louie at (916) 657-3946 or you can email her at Helen-Louie@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


DAN MUNDY
Branch Chief
Rural Transit and Procurement

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STAFF REPORT

August 13, 2007

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

FROM: Scott Burns, Executive Director

RE: Mountain Express Bus Route

RECOMMENDATION:

Review status of the pilot transit route between Lee Vining/June Lake and Mammoth Lakes, and provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

This route was funded as a pilot project last fiscal year, with costs split between the Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

DISCUSSION:

As the attached May staff report summarizes, the LTC has been monitoring the progress of the Mountain Express Route between Lee Vining/June Lake and Mammoth Lakes for the past several months. Rider-ship statistics for the summer service will be reviewed with ESTA staff and route options will be considered at Monday's meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

May Staff Report

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

DATE: May 14, 2007

FROM: Gwen Plummer, Planner

SUBJECT: Mountain Express Bus Route

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the status of the Mountain Express Route and provide direction to staff concerning route adjustments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding in the amount of \$ 47,525. was approved for the Mountain Express Bus Route linking Lee Vining, June Lake and Mammoth Lakes for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONSISTENCY:

The Regional Transportation Plan includes the following policies and directives concerning transit service for June Lake and Lee Vining:

OBJECTIVE I Promote the development of a public transit system that reduces the need for automobile usage, promotes the usage of non-motorized modes of transit and compliments the pedestrian-oriented vision of the Village.

Action 1.5: Work with the Inyo-Mono Transit to identify potential public transportation routes between June Lake and other communities.

Action 1.6: Work with the LTC to solicit and identify unmet transit needs in the June Lake area, and to request allocation of transportation funds for June Lake's unmet transit needs.

Policy 2: Achieve a specified level of mass transit service (shuttle or full-size buses) to move skiers from outlying areas to and from the June Mountain Ski Area.

Action 2.2: Investigate the potential for Inyo-Mono Transit to provide transit service to and from other communities such as Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, Bridgeport and Walker.

Action 4.2: Support the establishment of a shuttle system between the Mammoth Yosemite Airport and June Lake.

DISCUSSION

With the early closure of June Mountain Ski Area, the Mountain Express service linking Lee Vining, June Lake and Mammoth Lakes has experienced somewhat disappointing ridership numbers. In response, staff met with Inyo Mono Transit (IMT) on 13 April and identified the following options for adjusting service to respond to limited ridership:

1. Cut the mid-day service.
2. Cut weekend service.
3. Adjust the evening return route to stop in June Lake prior to Lee Vining.
4. Suspend service until next ski season.

The consensus by staff and IMT was to cut the mid-day service and adjust the sequence of stops on the evening route. Since this meeting however, IMT has observed changing ridership trends and is recommending continuing daily service with some modifications.

The morning, mid-day and evening MTN Express service started December 18, 2006, less than five months ago. The ridership has just recently increased, with the most dramatic increases occurring on the mid-day run over the past two weeks. Inyo Mono Transit has also received calls from interested parents in June Lake regarding MTN Express service for children to attend summer school in Mammoth. Summer classes run from 8:00 am to 12 noon, June 18th through August 4th. The timing of the MTN Express routes could accommodate the summer school hours.

Given these factors, it is IMT's recommendation that all MTN Express routes continue to operate because of the positive ridership trend and increase public interest, particularly in the mid-day route and to give the route enough time to become established in the community as we approach the historically six month mark for routes to catch on in new communities.

IMT is also recommending a modification to sequence of stops on the evening run, with a stop in June Lake prior to Lee Vining as noted above. Feedback from potential June Lake commuters indicates that riding to Lee Vining first increases their commute time to the point that it makes riding the bus undesirable. Our current Lee Vining customers are not opposed to making that change.

In addition, it is recommended that for the summer schedule, a stop be added at the Tioga Gas Mart on Hwy 120 near its intersection with Hwy 395.

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSSION

DATE: August 13, 2007

FROM: Caltrans, Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes

SUBJECT: Quarterly reports on transportation projects in Mono County by the various agencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Informational only

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: These projects have prior approval and funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: All projects require environmental compliance as a condition of project planning.

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: These projects are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

Verbal and/or handouts regarding current project status in Mono County and managed by Caltrans, Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes.

MARIANNE O'CONNOR
PO BOX 3984
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August 9, 2007

Mono County
Local Transportation Commission

Re: Mammoth Locals' Reunion

I am the organizer of the Mammoth Locals' Reunion event scheduled for September 1, 2007 at Shady Rest Park. The hours of the event are 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. This is a non-profit event with all proceeds being donated to Disabled Sports of the Eastern Sierra and Mono County Search and Rescue. I am anticipating a large attendance and so I have arranged to use the Mammoth High School parking lot for overflow parking. I will need a shuttle service to transport people between the High School and Shady Rest Park. I am requesting LTC funds to provide for this shuttle service through the use of one of the public transportation buses. I also believe this shuttle service will be helpful in the event someone leaving the reunion is unable to drive and needs to be taken to their home for their own safety and the safety of others.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marianne O'Connor
934-6299

Official Resolution
Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Lee Vining, California

WHEREAS, the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) is a local advisory group empowered through the Board of Supervisors through which the citizens of the communities of Lee Vining, Mono City, Lundy Canyon, and Bodie Hills, receive information and provide input from/to various county, state, and federal governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the RPAC the biggest concern expressed by community members is the excessive speed of traffic passing through the center of Lee Vining on State Highway 395;

WHEREAS, community members perceive that one of the most effective means of encouraging passing motorists to slow down in Lee Vining has been the placement by the California Highway Patrol of a portable radar device that measures the speed of approaching vehicles and displays that speed on a light board at the north and south approaches of Lee Vining;

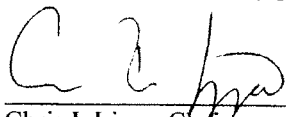
WHEREAS, community members believe that the permanent installation of such devices would effectively slow traffic through Lee Vining thus enhancing the safety and quality of life for locals and visitors alike;

WHEREAS, on or about June 1, 2007, the California Department of Transportation, pursuant to a RPAC request, installed such radar detection and display devices on State Highway 395 at the north and south entrances to the community of Lee Vining;

And, WHEREAS, community members have perceived a dramatic slowing of traffic in the community since the installation of the radar detection and display devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the foregoing, the RPAC expresses its most sincere gratitude and appreciation to Caltrans District 9 Director Tom Hallenback and all other Caltrans staff involved in the planning, permitting, design and installation of the radar detection and display devices in Lee Vining.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS Thirteenth day of June, 2007.



Chris I. Lizza, Chairman
MONO BASIN RPAC